



# Omasal Sampling Techniques for Studying Digestion in the Rumen



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A rumen cannulated cow eating a diet formulated specifically for the experiment

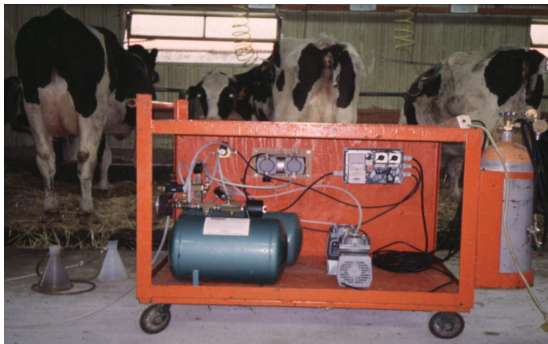
## INTRODUCTION

The digesta leaving the rumen must be analyzed to determine how much of the feed has been digested in the cow's rumen. The omasal sampling method can be used to collect the digesta leaving the rumen. Although the cows must have rumen cannulas, they are otherwise normal and the sampling does not disturb them.



The tube inserted into the omasum to collect the sample

Collecting a sample from the omasum through the rumen cannula



The system that provides alternating vacuum and pressure to obtain the omasal sample



Infusion of labeling markers into the rumen. Samples taken from the omasum will be later analyzed for these markers

Pouring an omasal sample in to a collection container

